

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3839**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025/ SRAVANA 21, 1947 (SAKA)**

**OLD PENSION SCHEME TO BSF**

**3839. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government considers Border Security Force (BSF) as a Civilian Force rather than an Armed Force of the Union despite its combat roles;**

**(b) the steps taken by the Government to restore the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) to these personnel, which was withdrawn since 2004;**

**(c) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs, vide Office Memorandum dated 23 May, 2025, extended honorary ranks to Constables and Sub-Inspectors on retirement without financial implications but has denied similar honorary recognitions to Assistant Commandants, Deputy Commandants and Commandants who have actively served in Naxalite zones and counter-insurgency operations and if so, why this discriminatory treatment continues; and**

**(d) whether the Supreme Court, in its judgment dated 23 May, 2025 has ruled in favour of granting Organized Group A Services (OGAS) status to CAPFs and if so, concrete steps have been taken to implement this order?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) Border Security Force (BSF) is one of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) for ensuring the security of the borders of India.**

**(b) The issue/ matter is presently sub-judice and is pending adjudication before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.**

**(c) The Government has granted benefits of Honorary Rank (one rank above the present rank) to Personnel Below Officer Rank (Constable to Sub-Inspector) on the last day of retirement without any financial or pensionary benefit in order to instill a sense of self-respect, pride and morale to the personnel who retire after rendering long meritorious service in the Force.**

**(d) The Government of India has filed review petition seeking review of the Judgment dated 23.05.2025 which is presently sub-judice and is pending adjudication before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.**

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